VEA BIOGRAPHIES

during the 1st session of the 1650-1650/51 Assembly; Accounts 1; Laws 1); Upper House, 1650-1650/51; Assembly, Kent County, 1657; Lower House, Kent County, 1662. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1648-1651; justice, Provincial Court, 1648-1651, LOCAL OFFICES: constable, St. George's Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1637/38; justice, Kent County, 1642-1652, 1657/58-1668 (chief justice, 1657/58-1668); clerk, Kent County, 1651. MILITARY SERVICE: sergeant, 1637; lieutenant, 1640; chief captain and commander of Kent Isle, 1647-1650; commander of Kent Isle, 1650-1652. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Vaughan was in joint charge of a pinnace captured by the forces of William Claiborne (1600-ca. 1677), who held him prisoner on Kent Island in 1635. He played an important role in the capture of Kent Island for the proprietor in 1638. Vaughan supported the Calverts against Claiborne, Richard Ingle, and the Puritan commissioners for control of the Maryland government during the struggles of the 1640s and 1650s, for which he received considerable patronage from Lord Baltimore. In 1642, as an elected delegate, he requested that the Assembly be divided into two houses with burgesses having power equal to those attending under special writ. He was promoted to the Council in a proprietory effort to include loyal Protestants in provincial offices. WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME, LAND: 550 acres by 1650; 1,150 acres by 1658. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between November 24, 1668, and January 26, 1668/69, PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least 55,734 pounds of tobacco (including books). LAND: ca. 2,250 acres.

VEAZEY, JOHN (1701-1777). BORN: on February 12, 1701, in Cecil County, probably at "Cherry Grove." NATIVE: third generation. RE-SIDED: in Cecil County; at "Cherry Grove," on Sassafras Neck until ca. 1765: on his 400-acre tract, "Essex Lodge," from ca. 1765 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Edward Veazey (?-ca. 1701) of Cecil County, a planter. MOTHER: Susanna. FIRST COUSIN: John Veazey, Jr. (1722ca. 1780). MARRIED Rebecca (1705-1761), daughter of John Ward (ca. 1671-1747/48) and wife Mary. Her brothers were John (?-by 1745); Thomas (1707-?); Peregrine (1709-?); and *Henry* **Ward** (?-1760). CHILDREN. SONS: Edward (?-1784), who married in 1755 Elizabeth De Coursey (?-1791) of Queen Anne's County; John Ward; William; Thomas Brockus (Brocas) (1750-1806), a planter and physician of Cecil County, who married in 1781 Mary (1765-1826), daughter of Rev.

William Thompson, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Cecil County, and wife Susanna Ross. DAUGH-TER: Rebecca, who married Joseph Sturgis. PRI-VATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1724; Esq., by 1752. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1761 (elected to the 3rd Convention of the 1758-1761 Assembly), 1768-1770 (Grievances 1, 2), 1771, 1773-1774 (Accounts Cv, 2, 3; Arms and Ammunition 2, 3). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: naval officer, Cecil County District, 1743-1754, LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County, in office 1727 and 1735; St. Stephen's Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1728-1772; justice, Cecil County, 1734-1757 (quorum, 1741-1757); deputy surveyor, Cecil County, commissioned 1734; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Cecil County, commissioned 1749, 1750, and 1752. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Cecil County Militia, by 1736; major, Cecil County Militia, 1748; colonel, Cecil County Militia, 1756; commander of Cecil County, 1758. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,072 acres in Cecil County (inherited 726 acres, acquired 1,346 acres by patent and purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: gave 373 acres to his son in 1765. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 4, 1777, in Cecil County, of smallpox. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: 1,699 acres in Cecil County.

VEAZEY, JOHN, JR. (1722-ca. 1780). BORN: on January 1, 1722, in Cecil County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Cecil County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Robert Veazey (?-1767), a planter of Cecil County, MOTHER: Lucy, daughter of Charles Dermott (Dirmott), a planter of Cecil County, and wife Sarah. SISTERS: Mary (1719-?); Lucy (1723-?); Elinor (1728-?); and Rebecca (1729-?). FIRST COUSIN: John Veazey (1701-1777). MARRIED Ann (?-1781). CHILDREN. sons: Samuel; George; Robert; William; Edward (?-1776), a captain in Smallwood's Maryland Regiment, who was killed at the battle of Long Island; and probably John Veazev III (?-1777). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1753; Esq., by 1775. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Cecil County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 5th, 1775, 6th-8th, 1776; Lower House, Cecil County, 1777 (Grievances 1; Manufactories 2), 1777–1778